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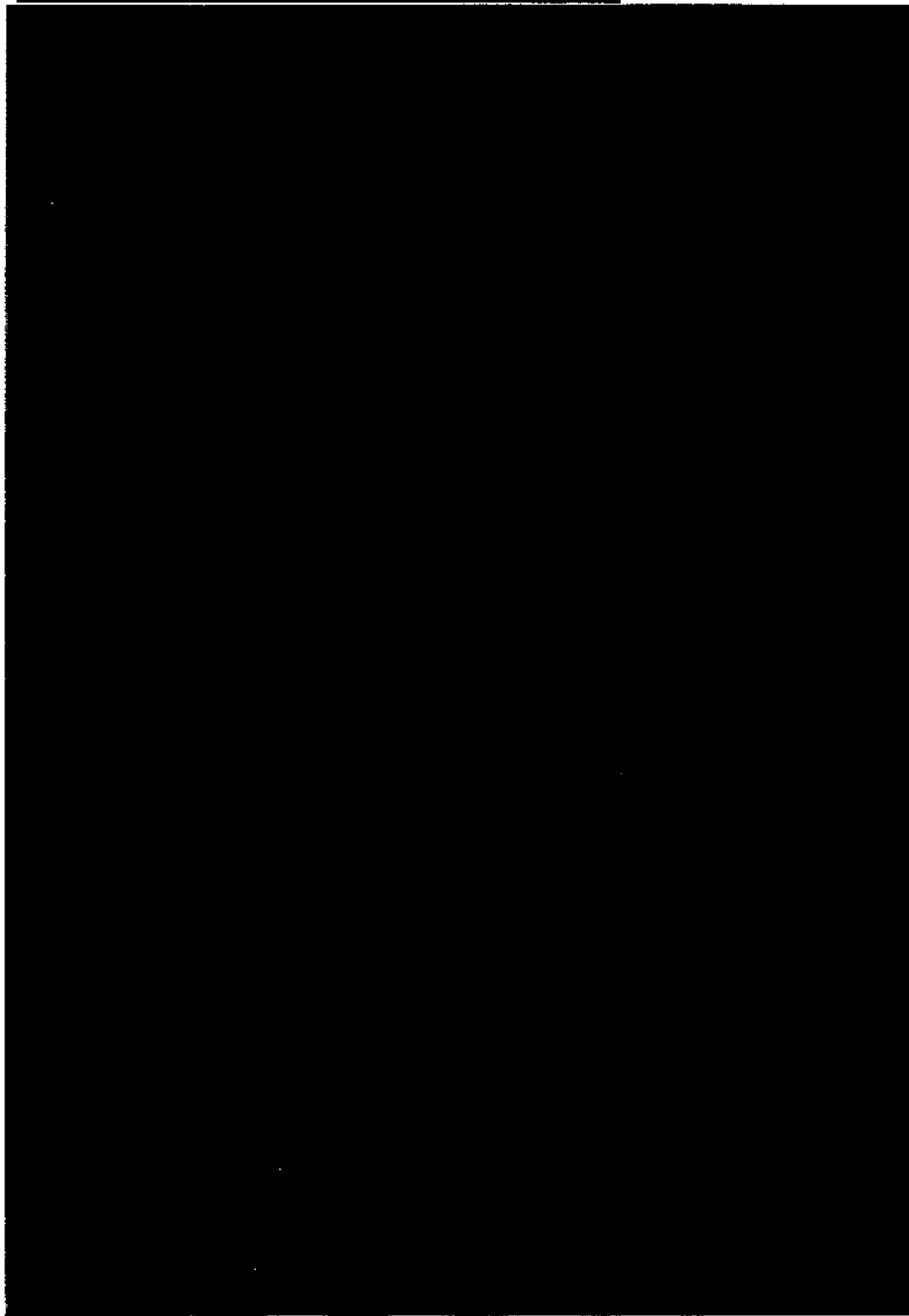
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Chile Holds Trials Of Leftist Militants

The Chilean government is holding military trials of alleged leftist militants, but trials for high-ranking Allende regime officials and other prominent leftists are probably several months off.

Seventy members of the Movement of the Revolutionary Left were tried last week on unannounced charges. Eleven were acquitted and 17 were convicted but released because their confinement already equaled their sentences. The remaining defendants received sentences ranging from several months to 10 years.

The trials were open to families of the accused and to the press, but the accused apparently were given only a limited opportunity to prepare a defense. One court-appointed civilian attorney for over 20 of the defendants was given one day to study their case. Other trials apparently are under way in various parts of the country. The government is still preparing its case against the Allende officials and other leftist leaders imprisoned on Dawson Island.

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